BODOTIE FUTURE





By Deja Jones



Name: Robin Curtis Age: 15 From: SE DC Gift: Dancer

Random: Eats cereal with water INSPIRATION: KERI HILSON





Name: Keri Hilson Age: 27 From: Atlanta, GA

Gift: R&B Singer & Songwriter Random: Met all of the Jacksons

except Michael

A LOOK INTO THE FUTURE

By Tiara Welch

keting group, in charge of communications and telling the HOF story. Participants also learn about life skills such as job preparation, etiquette, fitness, and diversity.

"I think every young person on the planet should be involved with Hands of the Future," says Ty Gray-EL, Life Coach and Program Director. Mr. Gray-EL was clear about touching the lives of the youth and helping them express themselves in a positive way. Students find their expression through writing, dancing, singing, rapping, drawing, acting, or recording. And with Mr. Drew's connections, the youth are even able to meet some of their influences: past visitors have included big names like Regina King, Wyclef Jean, Sean "Diddy" Combs, Keyshia Cole, Omarion, and Robert Curry of Day26. Once vou start with Hands on the Future you'll never want to leave; those who do leave always thank the program for changing their future forever.



Photo: Alexis Obodo

O.C.'s creative minds are coming together to jump start careers in the entertainment industry, thanks to Hands On The Future (HOF). The six-week summer program, founded by director Gary L. Drew in 2002, was created to provide an environment in which the community could learn the technical side of the entertainment industry. Participants, after being interviewed, are split into groups at the program's start each must come up with a team name, utilize a budget, schedule recording time, and work with a manager, writers, engineers, dancers and musical artists. There's also a newly-added mar-

INTRODUCING: DEANWOOD By Taylor Campbell

■ ands on the Future is proud to announce the newest addition to the program: the recording studio at Northeast's brand new Deanwood Community Center & Library! The center, which was completed only two weeks ago, provides a full two-room

sound-proofed studio for participants' recording and engineering needs. Located right off of the Deanwood Metro Station on the Orange Line, Deanwood is also complete with a library, study rooms, gymnasium, swimming pool and waterslide, game rooms, and more for all to enjoy. For more information visit www. dc.gov.



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BEYOND HOF

By Michael Tanner

Try to match the student with their accomplishment! (Answers below)



1. Tiara Welch



2. Anitra McKinney



3. Devon Parker

a) Graduated with Honors from Seed Public High School this June

b) Won a Championship at the Boys and Girl Club this May

c) Sang with Stevie Wonder at the Kenedy Center this February

Answers: 1:a; 2:c, 3:b

WORD OF THE WEEK

From DANCE

Arabesque (ar-uh-besk) n:
A posture in ballet in which the body is bent forward from the hip on one leg with the corresponding arm extended forward and the other arm and leg backward.

Source: Websters New Collegiate Dictionary

INDUSTRY: TOP 3

We thought you should know...

- Eminem's album "Recovery" tops charts with 741k sales in first week
- 2. Chris Brown cries during his tribute to Michael Jackson at Sunday's BET Awards
- NBA Star Ron Artest creates rap single: "Champion" produced by Dr. Dre

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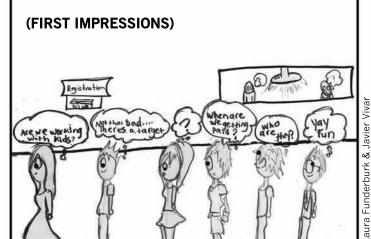
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must attend! Times & locations TBD at dock time.



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